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## **More Politics: Blago Tri-umphant?**

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**SPRINGFIELD --** A political science professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield is weighing in about a possible third-term election by Governor Rod Blagojevich.

The Governor has not come out directly to say he'll run again in 2010, but in Denver this week he said he has more work to do and declared himself a "great governor."

Professor Kent Redfield says with his low public opinion ratings and sour relationships with other top Democrats, he doubts there would be much enthusiasm if the Governor sought a third-term.

He says it's getting to the point where it won't matter how much money the governor brings in because people will just tune-out when they see ads for him, even though money \*did\* make a difference a few years ago when Blagojevich ran against Judy Baar Topinka.

Redfield says given the Governor's low popularity, other Democrats are going to be more reluctant to put any of their credibility or resources on the line for him.

He says Blagojevich -- at this point -- can't help other Democrats and instead is a liability for them.

Redfield says if there's a clear credible challenge for Blagojevich in the primary -- *should* he decide to run -- then he's going to have a lot of trouble.

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